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moustached young man, with the look of suffering, is only equalled by the pride of the emperor in every German in Germany, or anywhere on the face of the globe. There is none of the "Hello Bill," such as we have in America, when the president drives through his people; many of them yell, "Hello Teddy," while he shows his teeth and laughs and stands up in his carriage, and says, "Hello Mike," as he recognizes an acquaintance. But these same "Hello Bill" Americans are probably just as loyal to their chief, wherever he may be, and would fight as hard as the loving Germans would for their hereditary emperor.

I suppose there is somebody working in Berlin, but it seems to us that the whole population, so far as can be seen, is bent on enjoying every minute, walking the streets, in going to the military salutes and drinking beer between meals, and talking about what Germany would do to an enemy if the ever-present chip on the shoulder should be knocked off, even accidentally. But they all seem to love America, and when they are registered at the hotel, from Milwaukee, Wis., U. S. A., citizens began to gather around us and ask about relatives at our home. They seem to think that every German who has settled in Milwaukee owns a house and spends their money, and while their hearts were still warm towards the Fatherland, they loved the Stars and Stripes and would fight for the American flag against the world, and that the younger Germans speak the German language, it at all, with a Yankee accent. Gee, but wouldn't the people of Berlin be hot under the collar if they knew how many Germans in America were unfamiliar with the make up of the German flag, and when they only see it occasionally, when some celebration of German days takes place.

Well, when dad saw the German emperor drive down the great street and get a look at his face, he said, "Hennerly, I have got to see that young man and advise him to go and consult a doctor," and so we made arrangements to go to the palace and see the emperor and his son, the crown prince, who will before long take the empire on his shoulders. William is so sick as he is, you don't have to hire any masquerade clothes to call on the emperor of Germany, like



HAPPINESS EVERYWHERE.

you do when you visit royalty in Turkey and Egypt, for good frock coat and a silk hat will take you anywhere in the day time, and a swallow-tail is legal tender at night, so dad put on his frock coat and silk hat, just as he would go and attend an afternoon wedding at home, and we were ushered into a regular parlor, where the emperor was having fun with his children, and the empress was doing some needle work. Dad supposed we would have to talk to the emperor and the prince through an interpreter, and we stood there waiting for some one to break the ice, when some one told the emperor that an American gentleman and his boy wanted to pay their respects, and the emperor, who wore an ordinary dark suit, with no military frills, took one of the young princes he had been playing with, across his knee and gave him a couple of easy spansks, in fun, and the whole family, including the emperor, the crown prince, and the spanked boy, "tackled" the emperor around the legs, below the knee, like a football player, and the other princes pulled him off, and the emperor came up to us smiling as though he was having the time of his life, and spoke to dad in the purest English, and said he was glad to see the "Bad Boy" man, because he had read all about the pranks of the bad boy and bid dad welcome to Germany, and he didn't look sick at all. Dad was taken all of a heap, and didn't know what to make of the German emperor talking English, but when the ruler of Germany turned to me and said, "And so this is the champion little devil of America," and patted me on the head, dad felt that he had struck a friend of

the family and he sat down with the emperor and talked for half an hour, while the young prince gathered around me, and we sat down on the floor and the boys got out their knives and we played mumblety peg on the carpet, just as though we were at home, and all the boys talked English, and we had a bully time. The prince had all read "Peck's Bad Boy," and I think the emperor and empress have encouraged them in their wickedness, for the boys told me of several tricks they had played on their father, the emperor, which they copied from the "Bad Boy," and it made me blush when they told of imitating their father into the Masons, the way my chum and I initiated dad into the Masons with the aid of a roat.

I asked the boys how their dad took it, and dad told them what we in America heard about the emperor of Germany, we would think he would kill anybody that played a trick on him, but they said he would stand anything from



"AND SO THIS IS THE CHAMPION LITTLE DEVIL."

the children, and enjoy it, but if grown men attempted to monkey with him, the ruler would fly. The young prince came and was introduced to me, and he seemed proud to see me, 'cause his uncle, Prince Hennerly, had told him about being in Milwaukee, and how all the women in that town were the handsomest he had ever seen in his trip around the world, and he asked me if that was so. I referred him to dad, and dad told him the women were the greatest in the world, and then dad made his usual break. He said, "Look a-here, Mister Prince, you have got to be married some day, and raise a family to hand the German empire down to, and my advice to you is not to let them saw off on you no duchess or princess as homely as a hedge fence, with no ginger in her blood, but you skip out to America, and come to Milwaukee, and I will introduce you to girls that are so handsome they will make you toe the mark, and if you marry one of them she will raise a family of healthy young royals with no humor in their blood, and you won't have to go off and be gay away from home, 'cause an American wife will take you by the ear if you show any signs of wandering from your own fireside, like lots of your relatives have."

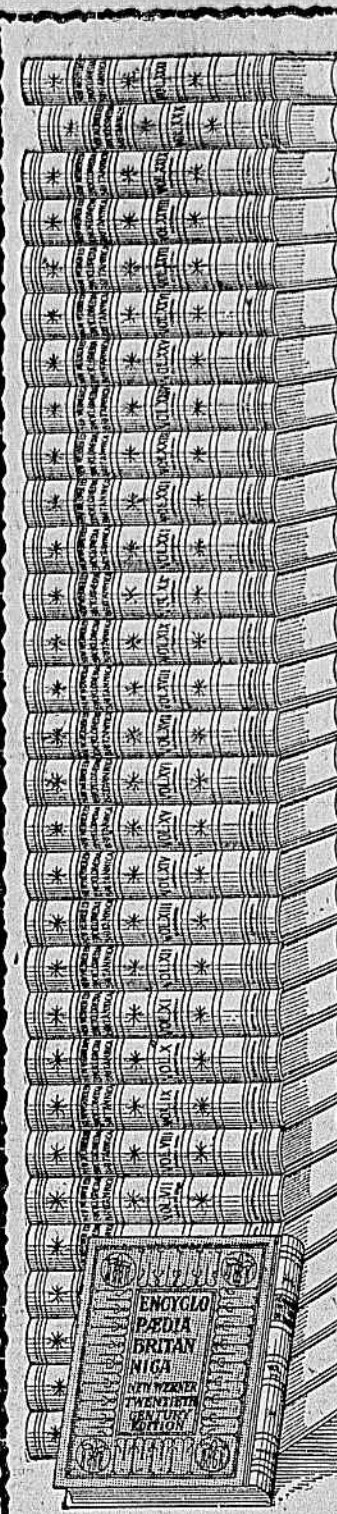
Gee, but that made the emperor hot, and he said dad needn't instill any of his American ideas into the German nobility, as he could run things all right without any help, and dad got ready to go, 'cause the atmosphere was getting sort of chilly, but the emperor soon got over his huff, and told dad not to hurry, and then he turned to me and said, "Now, little American bad boy, what kind of trick are you going to play on me, 'cause 'from what I have read of you I know you will never go out of this house without giving me a benefit, and all my boys expect it, and will enjoy it, the same as I will; now let or go."

I felt that it was up to me to do something to maintain the reputation I had made, so I said, "Your majesty I will now proceed to make it interesting for you, if you and the boys will kindly be seated in a circle around me." They got into a circle, all laughing, and I took out of my pistol pocket a half pint flask of glass, covered with leather, and with a stopper that opened by touching a spring, and I walked around in front of each one, and the royal family, mumbling, "Ene-mene-mony-my," and opening the flask in front of each one, and pretty soon they all began to get nervous, and scratch themselves, and the emperor slapped his leg and pinched his arm and put his fingers down his collar and scratched his neck, and the



DAD LEANED AGAINST A LAMP POST AND SCRATCHED.

crown prince jumped up and kicked his leg and scratched his back, and said, "Say, kid, you are not hypnotizing us, are you," and I said, "Ene-mene-mony-my," and kept on touching the stopper. By and by the all got to scratching, and the emperor turned sort of pale, but he was going to see the show through to the end, as long as he had a ticket, and he said, "What is the joke, anyway?" and I kept on saying "Ene-mene-mony-my," and walking around in front of them, and dad began to dance around, too, and dig under his shirt bosom and scratch his leg, and they all scratched in unison and laughed, and a little prince asked how long before they would know what it was all about, and I said my ene-mene, and looked solemn, and dad said, "What you giving us, and I said, "Never you mind, this is my show and I am the whole picture, and everybody had raised up out of his chair and catch was scratching for all that was out, and finally the emperor said, "I like a joke as well as anybody, but I can't laugh until I know what I am laughing about," and he said dad to make me show him what was in the bottle, and I showed the bottle and there was nothing in it, and there they stood scratching themselves, and I told dad we better excuse ourselves and go, and we were about to leave, and dad said, "What are you doing," and as we got almost to the door I said, "Your majesty, I have distributed, impartially, I trust, in the royal family of Germany, a half pint of the hunkiest flea that I have ever known, for they have been in that flask three weeks with nothing to eat except themselves, and I estimate that there were a million Cairo fleas in the flask, enough to set up housekeeping in your palace, with enough to stock the palace of your crown prince when he is



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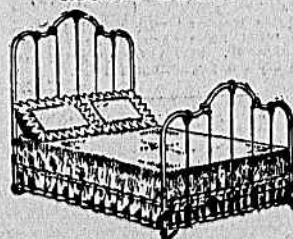
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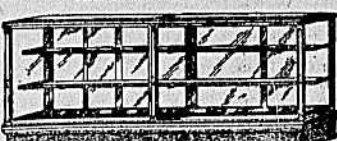
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